

No. 181. Visits to Office Based Physicians: 1995

[Based on the 1995 National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey and subject to sampling error; see source for details]

CHARACTERISTIC	Number of visits (1,000)	Percent distribution	Visits per person per year	CHARACTERISTIC	Number of visits (1,000)	Percent distribution	Visits per person per year
All visits	697,082	100.0	2.7	New problem	142,411	20.4	(X)
Age:				New patient	97,545	14.0	(X)
Under 15 years old	131,548	18.9	2.2	Expected source of payment: ¹			
15 to 24 years old	56,278	8.1	1.6	Insurance	597,484	85.7	(X)
25 to 44 years old	181,590	26.1	2.2	Blue Cross / Blue Shield	104,082	14.9	(X)
45 to 64 years old	159,531	22.9	3.1	Other private insurance	219,945	31.6	(X)
65 to 74 years old	90,544	13.0	4.9	Medicare	150,472	21.6	(X)
75 years old and over	77,591	11.1	5.9	Medicaid	72,952	10.5	(X)
Sex:				Worker's compensation	16,461	2.4	(X)
Male	280,762	40.3	2.2	Other source of insurance	66,682	9.6	(X)
Female	416,320	59.7	3.1	Unknown source of insurance ²	44,230	6.3	(X)
Race:				Self pay	74,074	10.6	(X)
White	608,384	87.3	2.8	No charge	7,746	1.1	(X)
Black	59,678	8.6	1.8	Other	9,214	1.3	(X)
Asian/Pacific Islander	26,718	3.8	(NA)	Disposition: ¹			
American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut	2,302	0.3	(NA)	Return at specified time	427,418	61.3	(X)
Visit status:				Return if needed	192,523	27.6	(X)
Old patient	599,537	86.0	(X)	No follow-up planned	60,570	8.7	(X)
Old problem	457,126	65.6	(X)	Admit to hospital	5,580	0.8	(X)
				Other	26,590	3.8	(X)

NA Not available. X Not applicable. ¹ More than one source of payment or disposition may be reported. ² Equal to all visits minus self pay, no charge, other source, and no answer. ³ Type of payment indicated, expected source was left blank.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *Advance Data*, No. 286, May 8, 1997.

No. 182. Medical Practice Characteristics, by Selected Specialty: 1985 to 1994

[Dollar figures in thousands. Based on a sample telephone survey of 4,000 non-Federal office and hospital based patient care physicians, excluding residents, with a response rate of 69.1% in 1990, 66.7% in 1991, 64.4% in 1992, 64.6% in 1993 and 63.1% in 1994. For details see source. For definition of mean, see Guide to Tabular Presentation]

SPECIALTY	1985	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
MEAN PATIENT VISITS PER WEEK							
All physicians ¹	117.1	121.6	120.9	118.4	114.8	112.4	109.6
General/Family practice	138.1	143.0	146.0	144.4	138.4	137.0	133.5
Internal medicine	105.2	117.9	112.0	110.7	109.4	105.3	105.4
Surgery	108.2	107.7	107.6	106.9	101.6	98.3	98.8
Pediatrics	130.8	138.1	134.0	133.5	126.9	130.9	125.5
Obstetrics/Gynecology	112.0	115.6	120.0	112.2	110.5	111.0	102.9
MEAN HOURS IN PATIENT CARE PER WEEK							
All physicians ¹	51.3	53.3	53.3	53.3	52.9	52.9	52.1
General/Family practice	53.6	54.4	55.0	54.7	53.1	54.0	51.9
Internal medicine	52.4	56.8	55.7	56.3	55.5	56.0	56.6
Surgery	51.2	53.3	53.1	53.4	53.0	54.3	53.4
Pediatrics	50.6	53.4	52.4	52.4	52.6	53.8	51.6
Obstetrics/Gynecology	56.9	59.0	60.4	59.5	58.8	58.9	58.1
MEAN NET INCOME							
All physicians ¹	112.2	155.8	164.3	170.6	181.7	189.3	182.4
General/Family practice	77.9	95.9	102.7	111.5	114.4	116.8	121.2
Internal medicine	102.0	146.5	152.5	149.6	162.1	180.8	174.9
Surgery	155.0	220.5	236.4	233.8	250.5	262.7	255.2
Pediatrics	76.2	104.7	106.5	119.3	123.9	135.4	126.2
Obstetrics/Gynecology	124.3	194.3	207.3	221.8	220.7	221.9	200.4
MEAN PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES							
All physicians ¹	102.7	148.4	150.0	168.4	183.4	182.2	183.1
General/Family practice	96.5	128.5	134.5	146.4	162.9	162.4	190.5
Internal medicine	90.0	139.1	139.2	159.0	174.1	185.2	186.4
Surgery	135.7	203.2	201.0	215.6	245.1	245.9	249.9
Pediatrics	87.3	132.5	138.0	145.4	173.7	167.4	157.8
Obstetrics/Gynecology	131.9	197.4	212.6	236.2	239.7	238.1	196.8
MEAN LIABILITY PREMIUM							
All physicians ¹	10.5	15.5	14.5	14.9	13.8	14.4	15.1
General/Family practice	6.8	9.0	7.8	8.1	8.2	7.9	10.2
Internal medicine	5.8	8.2	9.2	8.0	8.6	9.0	8.6
Surgery	16.6	25.8	22.8	22.5	20.9	22.7	22.3
Pediatrics	4.7	7.8	7.8	8.4	7.7	8.6	7.6
Obstetrics/Gynecology	23.5	37.0	34.3	34.9	34.4	33.7	37.4

¹ Includes other specialties not shown separately.

Source: American Medical Association, Chicago IL, *Socioeconomic Characteristics of Medical Practice*, annual (copyright).

No. 196. Visits to Hospital Outpatient and Emergency Departments: 1994 and 1995

[In thousands. An outpatient department is a hospital facility where nonurgent ambulatory care is provided under the supervision of a physician. Data for outpatient departments exclude clinics where only ancillary services, such as radiology, are provided. An emergency room is a hospital facility staffed by physicians for the provision of providing outpatient services to patients whose conditions require immediate attention and is staffed 24 hours a day. Data are for non-Federal short stay, or general hospitals. Based on the National Hospital Ambulatory Care Surveys and subject to sampling error; see source for details]

CHARACTERISTIC	OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT		EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT		CHARACTERISTIC	OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENT		EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT	
	1994	1995	1994	1995		1994	1995	1994	1995
All visits	66,345	67,232	93,402	96,545	Medicare	11,867	10,876	13,933	14,949
Age:					Medicaid	20,029	19,333	23,054	22,041
Under 15 years old	13,516	15,039	23,751	22,709	Worker's compensation	(NA)	834	(NA)	3,776
15 to 24 years old	7,834	8,307	15,411	15,681	Other source of insurance	(NA)	4,594	(NA)	4,544
25 to 44 years old	19,815	18,588	28,219	30,086	Unknown source of insurance	(NA)	2,002	(NA)	3,474
45 to 64 years old	14,306	14,811	13,011	13,978	Self pay	7,323	7,113	12,523	16,113
65 to 74 years old	5,955	6,004	5,797	6,057	No charge	923	990	227	519
75 years old and over	4,920	4,482	7,214	8,033	Other/unknown source of payment	(NA)	2,930	(NA)	4,023
Sex:					Disposition: ²				
Male	25,746	26,221	44,666	46,501	Return to clinic:				
Female	40,599	41,011	48,736	50,044	By appointment	42,821	43,352	4,123	(NA)
Race:					As needed	13,135	16,154	25,843	26,826
White	49,701	50,110	72,337	74,593	Referto other clinic/physician	5,045	4,825	34,760	38,765
Black	15,132	15,022	18,603	19,284	No followup	4,122	3,817	6,652	8,573
Asian/Pacific Islander	1,283	1,926	1,489	1,963	Telephone followup	2,044	2,082	(NA)	(NA)
American Indian/Eskimo/Aleut	228	174	972	705	Return to referring physician	2,004	2,075	23,528	18,874
Visit status:					Admit to hospital	938	670	11,315	10,628
Old patient	52,180	54,741	(NA)	(NA)	Left before being seen	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,110
Old problem	42,258	44,305	(NA)	(NA)	Admit to ICU/CCU	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,822
New problem	9,922	10,436	(NA)	(NA)	Transfer to other facility	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	1,751
New patient	14,165	12,491	(NA)	(NA)	Dead on arrival, died in emergency dept.	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	301
Expected source of payment: ³					Other	1,659	1,657	(NA)	2,547
Insurance	(NA)	53,921	(NA)	75,656					
Blue Cross/Blue Shield	(NA)	8,269	(NA)	10,987					
Other private insurance	(NA)	14,489	(NA)	25,056					

NA Not available. ¹ Figure does not meet standard of reliability or precision. ² More than one reported source of payment or disposition may be reported. ³ Equal to all visits minus self pay, no charge, other source, and no answer. ⁴ Intensive/critical care unit.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *Advance Data*; Nos. 284 and 285, May 7, 1997 and April 15, 1997 and prior issues.

No. 197. Use of Mammography for Women 40 Years Old and Over by Patient Characteristics: 1987 to 1993

[Percent of women having a mammogram within the past two years. Covers civilian noninstitutional population. Based on National Health Interview Survey; see Appendix III]

CHARACTERISTIC	1987	1990	1991	1993
Women 40 years old and over, total ¹	28.7	51.4	54.6	59.7
40 to 49 years old	31.9	55.1	55.6	59.9
50 years old and over	27.4	49.7	54.1	59.7
50 to 64 years old	31.7	56.0	60.3	65.1
65 years old and over	22.8	43.4	48.1	54.2
White, non-Hispanic	30.3	52.7	56.0	60.6
Black, non-Hispanic	23.8	46.0	47.7	59.2
Hispanic origin ²	18.3	45.2	49.2	50.9
Years of school completed:				
Less than 12 years	17.8	36.4	40.0	46.4
12 years	31.3	52.7	55.8	59.0
13 years or more	37.7	62.8	65.2	69.5
Poverty status: ³				
Below poverty	15.0	28.7	36.5	41.6
At or above poverty	31.0	54.8	58.4	62.8

¹ Includes all other races not shown separately and unknown education level and poverty status. ² Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. ³ For explanation of poverty level, see text, section 14.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *Health, United States, 1995*.